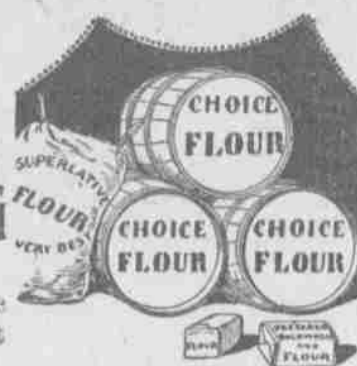


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## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

Mrs. Henry Booth is visiting in Oneonta N. Y.

J. H. Warren is confined to the house by illness.

Mrs. Henry G. Root has returned from Washington D. C.

Miss Jessie M. Davis spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. D. G. Burt.

Ira Batchelder, formerly of the American express office of this village, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. William Walker and child of Newton Mass. are with Mrs. Edward Norton on Pleasant St.

There will be Divine Service in the Chapel near Hiram Denio's next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

A. W. Braisted and E. J. Winslow spent Memorial day and Sunday at Crown Point on Lake Champlain.

Mrs. J. G. McCullough will entertain the members of the Fortnightly Club at a Song Recital to be given on Saturday June 13th at three o'clock at Hall Farm.

W. L. Lyons, T. H. Cranston, C. F. Barnes and R. F. Ramson spent Saturday fishing at Deer Cabin and brought home one of the largest catches of the season.

In the morning next Sunday the pastor W. H. Washburne will speak in the Methodist Church, on the "True Light" and in the evening on "Plucking out and Cutting off."

Members of St. Agnes Guild of St. Peter's church will repeat the play recently given by them, "Cranford" at Clover hall Tuesday evening, June 9, at 8 o'clock. They will be assisted by the Arion quartet.

Miss Florence B. March was agreeably surprised Wednesday evening of last week by some twenty of her classmates, who desired to congratulate her on her eighteenth birthday. Although a surprise the visit was none the less enjoyable. Various forms of entertainment were provided, refreshments were served and the fair young hostess was the recipient of several mementoes of the occasion, beside receiving heart wishes for many returns of the day.

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Farmers have mostly sold their clip of wool at twenty cents.

M. J. Covey and wife of Manchester were in town on Sunday.

Ripe field strawberries were picked on our hillside the 27th of May.

Guy Smith and wife of West Arlington spent part of last Sabbath in town.

Miss Lucy Hayes who has had employment in Manchester Centre has been home sick for several days.

Miss Grace Andrew who is attending Burr and Burton Seminary spent part of last and this week at her home.

Rollin Smith and wife and Masters Mervin, Robert and Hurrell, of Manchester Centre spent part of Sunday in town.

Miss Rebecca Provan who has suffered a paralytic shock is quite bad, and her friends are greatly alarmed at her condition.

Mrs. Cole Stickle and little son of Bennington returned last week to their home after several months' stay at W. J. Hamilton's.

C. J. Hurd and wife and little daughter of Cambridge were at Mrs. Sarah Randall's part of last week returning on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Dual of Hebron, N. Y., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Parker of Minnesota, have been visiting in town and returned to her home in Hebron, last week.

The cr- weather has so acted upon crops that many are having to replant their corn, and the most sanguine are not looking for any hay crop, although we got a fine shower, Thursday afternoon of last week.

Our new town meeting which was warned for the 26th passed off very quietly. The voters present sanctioned without a dissenting vote, the election of A. B. Covey as road commissioner, who the selectmen had appointed, there being a vacancy in that office.

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## MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Holiday of Patriotism was Fittingly Observed.

## INTERESTING PROGRAMS

Exercises of Custer Post were held in the Morning and Those of Sixth Corps Post in the Afternoon.

Memorial day was fittingly observed Saturday by the G. A. R. posts, and other organizations of the village. There could not have been a more complete day for the observance, and quite a number of people from out of the village were on hand to see the parade and listen to the speeches. The rain of the night before laid the dust, flags were floating from many a store and residence in the village, all business was comparatively suspended.

Sixth Corps Post and other veterans met at G. A. R. Hall at 8:30 A. M., and immediately fell into line and proceeded under command of Chief Marshal and his aides, to the Bennington cemetery, where the memorial service was held.

Address by Post Commander, John C. Clark. Reading of Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. Prayer by Post Chaplain, George Reynolds.

Address by Post Commander, J. C. Clark. Address by officer of the day, C. M. Lambert. Address by Senior Vice Commander.

Edward Kelly, Commander of the Dead, Company K, V. N. G. Decorating Graves—Music by Band. Sixth Corps Post and other veterans met at their post rooms at 1 o'clock P. M. At 1:30 o'clock the procession formed on School street in the following order:

Bennington City Band, R. O. Goldsmith, leader; Company K, V. N. G., Captain Russell C. Graves commanding; Camp Frank Ray, S. O. V., Captain Ernest Lambert, commanding; Bennington Graded Schools; Sixth Corps Post and other veterans, John C. Clark commanding; President of the day, E. T. Griswold; Orator Cassius R. Peck of Burlington.

Under the direction of the chief marshal and his aides the procession proceeded to the Soldiers' Home cemetery, where the memorial service was repeated, after which, from the veranda of the home the exercises continued as follows:

Prayer, Rev. W. H. Washburne. Singing, the Misses Loomis. Address by the President of the Day, Singing, the Misses Loomis. Oration, Cassius R. Peck. Music by Band.

Benediction by Rev. C. R. Seymour. Cassius R. Peck the speaker at the Soldiers' Home was pleasantly introduced by the President of the day Col. E. T. Griswold. The address was patriotic, eloquent, and fitting in every way. Mr. Peck, although a young man, is a fluent speaker, and of fine address. He spoke without notes and held the close attention of the audience from the beginning to the end. He made many admirers here.

The songs by the Loomis trio of three sisters was one of the pleasing features of the exercises at the home.

There are 237 veterans of the rebellion buried in the town cemeteries. Of these 57 are at the Soldiers' Home cemetery, 76 are in the village cemetery, 34 in the Bennington Centre cemetery, 35 in the Catholic cemetery and 11 at North Bennington. Every one of these was marked with a flag, and as far as known every one was decorated.

The graves of those lying in small cemeteries in the outside districts were also remembered. The posts were obliged to purchase flowers from florists in order to have enough to go around.

The appearance of the school children in the afternoon parade added much to the interest aroused during the day, and they appeared to be

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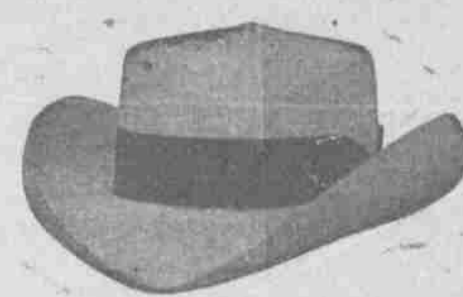
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proud of the opportunity to turn out.

The displays in the front windows of Griswold's and at Maurer's attracted considerable attention from all passersby. That of the former represented an army camp and was quite realistic.

The exercises of Custer Post were held in the morning when the program, as printed last week in the Banner and Reformer was carried out impressively in full. The address by John V. D. S. Merrill was an eloquent and scholarly effort which should have been heard by a larger audience, touching as it did so many things calculated to warm the heart, feed the mind and broaden the patriotism of the hearer.

In the afternoon Custer Post went to North Bennington and carried out another program with credit and success. It is safe to say that nowhere did the veterans do more for Memorial day than those of Bennington.

Custer Post turned out about fifty comrades, and Sixth Corps post about thirty-five. The ranks of the former were increased by visiting comrades Camp Frank Ray, S. O. V., made quite a favorable showing in the parade.

The firing squads of Company K that did escort duty for both the parades acquitted themselves well.

It is estimated that at least 1500 people heard the address at the Soldiers' Home.

Deputy Sheriff Godfrey assisted by two aides marshalled the morning parade and Col. A. M. Downs assisted by J. A. N. Williams and W. R. Sears performed like duty in the afternoon. All have done service before.

At noon Custer W. R. C. served dinner in the post rooms to the members of the posts, W. R. C., Company K men and others. As usual there was an abundance of everything provided. The S. of V. drum corps did themselves proud on the occasion. Of the members all are members of the camp.

One gratifying feature of the day was the fact that during the entire proceedings not a man that wore a uniform or badge was seen under the influence of liquor.

## EAST ARLINGTON

Noel Sculley was married Monday to a young lady from North Bennington. James Vosburg and wife of So. Shaftsbury visited friends here on Saturday.

Rev. D. Perry has gone with his team to Wells where Mrs. Perry is visiting friends.

Irving Dean and wife of Hoosick Falls spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Dean's mother's here.

Mrs. G. A. Furness and daughter Evelyn returned on Monday from a stay of some days out of town.

It is expected that John Bradish of South Shaftsbury will conduct the services in the Methodist church next Sunday.

Rev. G. A. Furness, Dea. B. V. Safford, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Shepard drove to Peru on Tuesday to attend the conference of Congregational churches.

The drought continues, and is very oppressive. The nights are cold and the days hot, and terribly dusty. It becomes us to take extra care of our health these days. A little shower last week was very refreshing while it lasted.

Mrs. Lafayette Jones died at her home in Sunderland last Sunday night after a severe illness from typhoid fever. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Pearl Thayer and had spent most of her life in this vicinity. She was born in 1882. Funeral services were held at Mr. Jones' home and at the Methodist church conducted by Rev. Delano Perry.

An amusing incident occurred on Maple avenue one day recently. Several people were seen in front of their

houses gazing anxiously and intently through a cloud of dust at a passing team, some says, "What's the matter?" "Why a man has gone by braced up amongst the boxes on the shop wagon and his head is all done up with red and white handkerchiefs so you couldn't see his face. We are afraid some one is hurt real bad." It appeared that a young lady had rigged up a semblance of a watchman to guard her father's cornfield from the depredations of our friend Sir Crow and sent the man in question to the field amongst the boxes on the wagon. The young lady was highly amused, when told of the hoax, as her father had already mistaken the object for a man sitting in their own carriage. We hope Sir Crow will be "hoaxed" also.

## SUNDERLAND

Miss Rose LaDee spent Sunday at A. P. Bowen's.

Misses Augusta and May Bentley spent Sunday at H. O. Holden's.

Mrs. Way of Manchester visited her daughter Mrs. E. A. Graves on Sunday.

The services at the Union church Sunday were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Wyman of Manchester Centre.

There were fishermen in town on Decoration day from Hoosick Falls. All fishermen seemed to have good luck.

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